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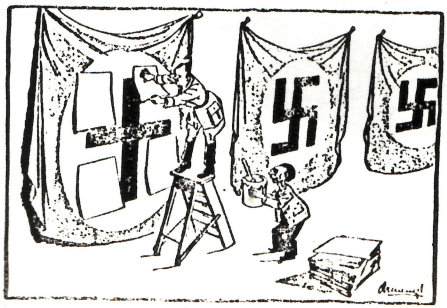
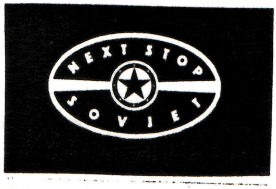
## ANTI NAZI DEMO

At 20-4-89 it is 100 years since the terrorist and warcriminal Adolf Hitler was born. That centenary we would happily jump over, if not danish and foreign nazis have chosen to manifest themselves at this day. Since summer 1984 the exiled belgian Waffen SS general, Leon Degrelle, and the several times convicted westgerman nazi, Michael Kühnen, and others, have had a "party committee" to prepare the centenary. They have planned a big international nazi-rally around the 20-4. The participants will not get any message of the meetingplace untill the last moment - for security reasons! The danish nazis will hold their 6. national rally around the date, and celebrate the centenary with a "closed" festivity. What is really going to happen - and where - we don't know yet. But anyway there will be a big ANTI NAZI DEMO in Copenhagen, it's being planned right now. Before that Foreningen Demos (an org. very concerned on danish & foreign nazi activities) will hold a meeting to inform what they know of the nazi plans at the time, and what anti-nazi activities are being planned for the next week. The meeting is for interested organizations and persons, at the Demos/Autonomt Infor Shop, Elmegade 27, 2100 København N, - whre you alos can get in touch with Demos






## NEXT STOP SOVJET

Last year a group of young people from Denmark, called Next Stop Nevada, went to USA to protest the a-bomb testings and to meet young americans and tell them of how europeans feel about war, NATO etc.

This year some of these people have started Next Stop Sovjet - to make a dialogue between young people from Denmark (and Sweden) and from Sovjet, to protest war and pollution (especially of Baltic Sea), etc.

There has been held several preparing-meetings, in Moscow in november, and in april a large group of Sovjet-people went to Denmark, in the summer there will be a rally at the danish island Bornholm. Also local activities are planned, for example in Lithuania where there will be a cycle-rally raound to military bases. The biggest event will be in september, when 5000 people from Scandinavia will go to Sovjet, to discuss & action together with the local people, - a protest-march to Tjernobyl is planned.

The N.S.S. project (in Denmark) is supported by different youth-organizations (unions, polical parties), but run by activists - everyone can make a NSSgroup, the idea is to contact like-minded persons in Sovjet, football-players, punk-musicians, soldiers, students - and even anarchists: in the swedish magazine Brand nr. 24 there is an article about the group Obsjina and other anarchists, who the author met at the contact/preparing meeting in Moscow in nov. 88.

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McDONALD'S

The Unions in Denmark boycot and make actions against McDonalds. The Union for Hotels and Restaurations-employees (McDonalds belongs to their branch) have made actions to get agreement and get the employees organized, since McD. came to Denmark (about 7 years ago), but McD has refused, even to negotiate, for a long time.

The union runs a boycot - that is: their members must not work at McD (and other union-members are supposed to do the same). But the people working at McD are mostly young people, students etc, who donot want to become member of a union - it's too expensive they say, and they don't care about solidarity, it's only a temporary job, so the boycot have had only little effect. They also have made pickets outside some McD-restaurants, and called upon costumers to go to other burger-places, but only few "ordinary people" are in fact boycotting.

Now the onion try to step up their campaign, other unions support. The Construction workers denies to work at building or rebuilding for McD - the latest example is at Scala in Copenhagen (a new shopping etc. center). McDonalds instead hires small firms with unorganized workers, the union-people picket, and there is so much trouble that the owners of Scala tell McD to leave and and changes the locks and keys. A few days later Mc Donalds has been to court and get in again with help from the police...

The unions also try to hit McD at their supplies of meat, bread and milk, they've stopped the production of milkshakes. All pommes frites are delivered from Turkey, some other goods from England and Germany, so the union hope to involve the international Food Union.

ACTION AGAINST SMOG

6-2 a group of environmental activists (including one of the mayors of Copenhagen - so the action was popular in media..) stopped all rush-hour traffic at Rådhuspladsen in the center of Copenhagen for about ten minutes. The activists, "Actiongroup agaisnt smog" blocked the road with a big pushcart and handed out "pollution bills" to the cardrivers. Buspassengers, cyclists and pedestrians got diplomas, because they are making the city better to live in. The cops didn't interfere, and the action stopped soon.

The group want the politicians to strenghten the collective traffic, and counteract private cardriving.

RAINBOWGATHERING & NORDIC TING

In Christiania, (at Autogena) 30 people from all over Scandinavia & Europe showed up to plan the summer 89 gatherings.

Rainbowgatering, which gathered 1000 people in Spain, had decided on norway as meeting-place for 89. This was discussed at Nordic Ting-meeting autumn 88, and they decided to held the summer-ting at the same place.

In Autogena the atmosphere was fantastic, and we agreed, that whatever it is, we want - we want the same...

So all rainbow-people - WELCOME AT:

Nordic Tingmeeting 1-20 august 89

Rainbowgathering 11-21 august 89

Meeting place will be decided at the first Winter-ting - for more info, contact:

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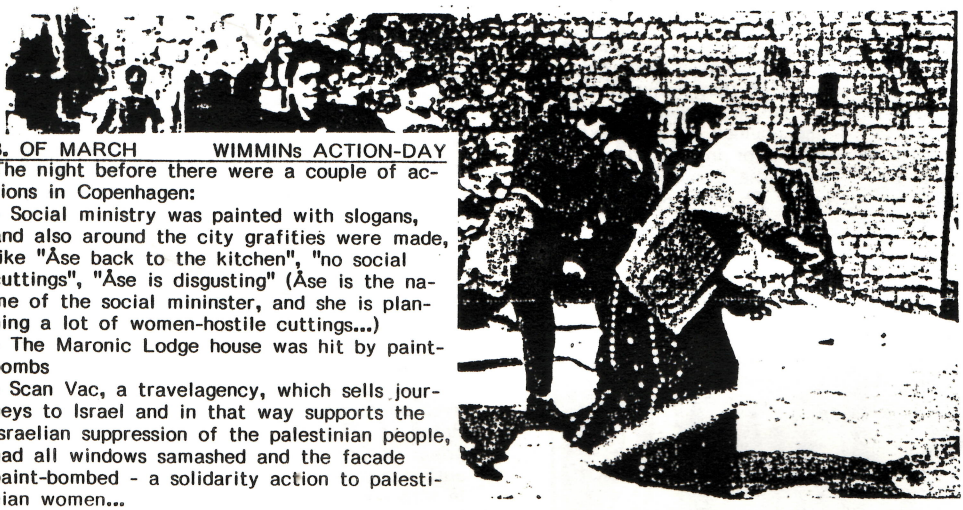

. OF MARCH WIMMINs ACTION-DAY

The night before there were a couple of actions in Copenhagen:

- Social ministry was painted with slogans, and also around the city grafities were made, like "Åse back to the kitchen", "no social cuttings", "Åse is disgusting" (Åse is the name of the social mininster, and she is planning a lot of women-hostile cuttings...)
- The Maronic Lodge house was hit by paint-bombs
- Scan Vac, a travelagency, which sells journeys to Israel and in that way supports the israelian suppression of the palestinian people, had all windows samashed and the facade paint-bombed - a solidarity action to palestinian women...

## CHRISTIANIA

The Free City in Copenhagen, Christiania, made big headlines in all media at 14-2, when police shut down the "illegal" pubs - people form Christiania and sympathizisers protested the way the action was carried out and streetfighting started.

The background is: The government has set up a committee, to "solve" the Christiania-problem - make the area legal+- that is: respect the building-restrictions, pay taxes, get approved kindergartens etc. - and also the pubs must have licenses, like all places where alcohol is sold must. Before 1-2 all pubs were to seek for this license, but they would not, because it would smash their collective way of organizing, if one single person should be chosen as licensee, as the law tells.

During the policeaction, afternoon 14-2, the cops confiscated more than 220.000kr and lots of beers, wine etc. The actual action went on quite peacefully, but the cops stayed on for extra long time - and that provoked off course to fights, 8 persons were arrested, 5 cops were hurt. The cops (and media) tried to "divide & rule" by claiming that it was not people from Christinia who were fighting, but "bz-characters and troublemakers from outside".

The pubs re-opened same evening (but guests had to bring their own beers etc!). They now plan to form an independent institution to seek for a collective license, the authorities has not yet answered, and now (april) the situation is quiet, the pubs continues...

+ Earlier the government wanted to shut down Christiania - but they changed because of political tactics, a new party has joined the government and they are against shutting down. Anyway the gov. (rightwing) has not been able to get their shut down policy through parliament.

## RESISTANCE MEETING IN OSLO 23-2 /3

During the easter holiday there was a big meeting for people from the "resistance movement" in Scandinavia. It was in the Youthhouse "Blitz" in Oslo. Among the topics discussed were: Southafrica & Shell, Palestine, Central America, racism & fascism, women's fight and environmental fight. The police offered the meeting lot of interest - even cops from Denmark and Sweden was present in Oslo...

Saturday evening about 250 people demonstrated against the Southafrican consulate and the Shell-headquarter in Oslo. Windows were smashed, and lots of cops were there, but it never came to real streetfighting, but never the less the norvegian media used the big headlines and told of "the Blitz-gang getting reinforcements from Denmark and Sweden". Many people (again) demanded Blitz closed, and the police said they will discuss what to do about the "illegal activities at Blitz". So again Blitz is threatened with "eviction", it is owned by the council, and untill last summer the youthhouse got money and had people employed, paid by the council. Most people thought Blitz would "fade away" when the money was withdrawn, but instead Blitz has become more autonomous, run by volunteers and support-concerts etc, getting a lot of support from unions, private people and political groups all over Norway. The council don't like the Blitz "style", their political work - and also they want to tear down the house, to get something "nicer" built (like kultinational's offices...).

For more info:
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## IMMIGRANTS HIT BACK

In the last 10 years Denmark has seen increasing, openly racism - immigrants (most from Turkey or Pakistan) have been attacked or harrased by young semi-fascists, like skinheads and "greenjackets" (declared racists, wearing green pilot-jackets with US-Southstates flags). But immigrants (and danish supporters) also fights back - a group in Copenhagen has become known as Warriors, and they have managed to throw out all Greenjackets from Vesterbro (part of inner Copenhagen). In Køge young immigrants found and beated up a danish guy who had bothered a chinese shopkeeper.

Reactions to Warriors (and tothers) within the immigrants communities have been both positive and negative - some shopkeepers have been helped by these groups, and som young peopled are relieved, by seeing that some of their own stop "turning the other chin to" and starts fighting back. But also some immigrants don't like the "reputation" the actions give to the immigrant-population, violence is no solution, there is a need for scapegoats because of crisis etc.

The last months there has been no mediaattension on Warriors or others, so maybe this more organized fighting back has stopped.

## PARTY AGAINST CONGRES CENTER

24-2 a group held a party in Århus against a planned congress center. Around midninght the party went to a former squatted area and put banners against the center in the windows and put a fire on the road. Police came soon, and the activists went away. But people returned, put on a new fire, and let the fire-brigade put it out. On their way through town one person was arrested.

## BZ - SQUATTING

19-2 a group of young people squatted an empty house in Esbjerg (5. biggest town in Denamark), to protest that flats & houses stand illegal empty, despite young people desperately need (cheap) housing. The police came quickly and told the squatters "you don´t do that sort of things here in Esbjerg". Most people left the place - and the rest was easily evicted.

In Odense another empty house was squatted by 20 people, at 16-3 - they were evicted after 6 hours, but came back soon after. They protest the "absurd housing policy of Odense Council", and demand that the squatted houses get restored and used for housing - not offices etc. as the council seems to like the most. 24-3 they were again evicted, the barrikades had not grown strong enough in the short time.... 10 were arrested.

In Copenhagen there are still some squats left. One of them, Baldersgade, are negotiating with the council about legalizing - they want the council to take over the (now private owned) house, and then rent it to them as they consider it a job for the council to provide housing for young people, not a job for private charity, so they won´t buy it themselves or let others buy it to them. Last year some funds and private persons offered to buy the house and give it to the council as a gift, but at that time the council refused. Now, with a new First Mayor, at last the council has accepted the gift, but only when the house has been restored, they won´t set a precise date. The squatters demand the take over from the start, they want it to be a general plan for takeovers of squats, where the squatters do most of the restoring-work themselves and the council provide materials and some skilled help. So right now (end of march) Baldersgade prepare for fight/eviction - because the owner says he´ll soon loose patience with the politicians whether they´ll take over or not, and he´ll ask the police to evict.
So the media continues their hetz against BZ, talking of BZ terrorists and their heavy armed fortress, and lately at the police action at Christiania where "BZ-types" were declared as dangerous violent crooks, who started the fighting...

## TUNØGADE SQUAT EVICTED

The Århus-squat in Thunøgade is evicted since 10-2-89. The house was squatted last summer after standing empty for some time. It was for sale. The squatters mamged to start some activities, like a pub, kitchen etc. and it seemed like the squat was able to survive. But first the house was disturbed by som nobrains, who wanted to destroy the house and bother the squatters, and later the police destroyed the water- and electricity-supplies, so in november/december the squatters had some big problems, and nearly gave up. In mid january the house was sold, the new owner wants to build "youth-flats", so he send in an eviction-request.
The squatters were well prepared for an eviction, they wanted to fight against the police, but the cops didn´t turn up. After having waited for a week most squatters left the house. When police came and locked up the house it was empty - everyone had gone to a party. People who wnted to get into the house after it was locked were arrested by a guard placed in the squat.

## GREENPEACE THREATHEN PROCEEDINGS

Greenpeace has been in the media again - this time not because of their actions, but because they´ve threatened proceedings against an icelandic journalist, who have made a film "Survival in the North" critizising environment-org (Greenpeace and others) for their actions against Iceland for whaling etc. The film claims that Greenpeace (GP) ill-treats animals and films it, to use the films in their collecting of money (like the well-known baby-seal film) - and that, GP says, is not true, they don´t ill-treat animals, they just take the films when hunters are working. Also GP claims that they are "mixed up" with Sea Shepherd, and called terrorists. All this hurts GPs reputation in Denmark, they use to be very popular, and that´s why they will clear themselves, by proceedings. GP has also tried to stop the film being showed on icelandic and danish televison, but failed.
By the way, GP has send us, Ekomedia Århus, a letter, where they (indirectly) threaten us with libel suit, because we´ve referred the articles from Echomedia Toronto nr. 35 and 33, about GP Seattle office, where employees have formed a branch of IWW to protect their interests. We´ve asked GP for their version of that case, to confront it with Echomedia Toronto - but we haven´t heard form them yet...

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The anti-Shell campaign continues - lots of different actions, example:
"Tonight we attcked 2 Shell-stations in Århus, ´cause Shell is Shell, Shell is in Southafrica, Shell is multinational. Kill the multies.
Århus 8-2-89 Greetings, Århus by Night" - a really nice press-relaese: short and precise!
Very popular actions right now are the "Teddy Bear Liberations" - Shell gives away little teddy bears when you buy their petrol or oil, there´s been a rather aggressive ad-campaign in papers etc.
The teddy bears are liberated from imprisonment at the Shell stations, and sent to papers or organisations or other places, to make publicity - or just to give the poor teddy bear a decent home...
Some local councils have stopped buying petrol and fueloil from Shell - others continues, like in Odense, where some of the teddybear liberations have been directed against their policy.

The police has been harassing radical and autonomous anti-shell movements, but lately they also focus on the "legal" part of anti-apartheid: "Sydafrikakomitten" in Copenhagen have had their office raided, activists have been arrested and interrogated, their homes raided etc etc.

The cops´ excuse has been a poster with a comic-character, "the phantom", smahing a window saying "that´s enough", and the text: FL Scmidt, NOVO and ØK are still in South Africa - South African Airlines and the consulate are still in Copenhagen - but for how long? (There has been a lot of windowssmashing actions - but not made by Sydafrika-komiteen). But off course, the police first of all want to frighten activists, get general information by raids etc, and to "rule and divide" - and they´ve partly succeeded, as Sydafrikakomiteen have strongly pointed their (and all anti-aprtheid movements they say) "nonviolent" ideologi, and excluded members who didn´t wanted to tell other parts of the movement what to think and do...